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CHINA LEGISLATORS TO MEET TODAY

Yuan Wants Dr. Sun To Report On Govt Policies PEACE ENVOYS RETURN

Nanking, February 28.
The Legislative Yuan third plenary session will open here at 9 a.m. tomorrow to deliberate the vital problem of peace with the Communists and unity within the Government in an atmosphere of spreading agitation for the ousting of the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo.

Legislative Yuan circles said the Premier will be asked to appear personally to make a report on administrative policies and answer charges against him concerning his removal of the Executive Yuan to Canton and his alleged financial deals.

The total number of members now in the capital for the meeting stands at 187, exceeding the required quorum by 32.

Who Wants To Be A Mayor?

Shanghai, February 27.
The Mayor of Shanghai, city of nearly 8,000,000 people, will draw a salary worth less than seven United States dollars in February.

A survey conducted by the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury revealed Mayor K. C. Wu will get GY17,400 (about US\$8,000) for a month.

On present salaries, civil servants must steal, beg, borrow or starve, the papers said.

But Mayor Wu is not as badly off as it appears on the ledger. He gets many extras—highly important during the current spiralling inflation—such as official residence and car.—Associated Press.

Reconciliation

The legislators present, including Fan Yuh-shu, Huang Yu-jen and Li Yu-wen, were said to have concurred with General Wu on the need for reconciliation but stressed the question of a meeting place for the Legislative Yuan, which had been settled in favour of remaining in Nanking should not be revisited.

The legislators were also said to have expressed welcome for the return of Dr. Sun but pointed out he would have to appear at the Yuan session to report on administrative policies and answer interpretations.

Kung Kung, 77-year-old Legislative Yuan member, told the Social Welfare Daily today that he considers Dr. Sun too weak to be Prime Minister. Kung arrived here recently from Hankow to attend the Yuan sessions.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation arrived by plane in Nanking today from Peiping after a fortnight's preliminary peace discussions with the Communist leaders according to Reuter.

An authoritative source told Reuter that formal peace negotiations between the Nationalists and Communists could be expected to begin in Peiping about the middle of March.

The Communists would shortly appoint their peace delegates.

A statement issued by the non-partisan delegation said: "Although there are still obstacles before us, it is very possible we shall be successful in having peace."

The delegates announced they had smoothly settled in principle problems connected with the resumption of postal communications and navigation between Communist-held North China and the Nationalist South. They will report to President Li Tsung-jen at a special dinner he is giving in their honour tonight.

Two Interviews

The delegation's arrival coincided with radio telephone reports from Peiping today that the Communist authorities have prohibited foreign correspondents in Peiping from sending further despatches to the outside world.

Dr. Shao Li-tee, Nationalist Government peace delegate, who accompanied the non-partisan peace mission, told Reuter that he had two long interviews with the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

He declined to give any further information about the progress of the peace negotiations, but said that he also saw Marshal Li Chai-sum, head of the Kuomintang Diplomatic

were grateful to the Communist leaders, who had given them interviews, either collectively or individually. They said they had been kindly received at Shihchachung by the Communist leaders, Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chou En-lai, with whom they had exchanged views about the peace problem.

They had finished their work in Peiping and they would return to Shanghai after they had reported to President Li. They expressed gratitude to the Communist authorities who had entertained them so sincerely.

The delegates were welcomed at Nanking airfield by the Deputy Premier, General Wu Te-chen, the President of the Central Yuan, Mr. Yu-jen, and other Nationalist leaders.

Radio-telephone reports from Peiping today said last night the delegates dined with Democratic League leaders, who came from Mukden.

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Socialist Plans

Several Nationalist military leaders, meanwhile, are looking for more information about the British Labour Party's Socialist policy as peace with the Communists is coming closer in China.

The militarists may be China's Socialists of tomorrow if the plans they are believed to be discussing with President Li Tsung-jen are ever formulated into reforms.

Sceptics advised the generals, who are the President's closest supporters, to begin by reading Mr. Mao Tse-tung's writings. With the important exception that Mao Tse-tung links his movement with International Communism, his reforms are more practical for China than anything the generals may find in British Socialist plans, sceptics claimed.

The non-partisan delegation was accompanied on its return flight today by the Shanghai shipping delegation, which arrived at Tientsin by sea via Chinkiang and afterwards went to Peiping.

One of the shipping delegates told Reuter the resumption of navigation applied to both shipping and air services.

Plans of the Central Air Transport Corporation would be allowed to resume flights to Peiping, but not the China National Aviation Corporation, because of its American connection.

Technicians from the Postal service, the delegates said, would be allowed to fly to Peiping within three days to work out details of the restoration of China's postal services.

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The Weather

At 0900 GMT (2 p.m. HKG) a complex low pressure system covering the sea of Japan and Honshu is developing and moving NE. A trough lying along the coast of Honshu through the Kii Channel is moving slowly SW and S. The continental anticyclone covers China and the neighbouring seas and appears to be intensifying behind the trough.

Today's Forecast—Moderate NE winds becoming fresh. Cloudy becoming fine.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 78°, Min: 64°.

Wind: 1.4 hours.

Rainfall: 6.1 mm. Total since Jan. 1—

128.0 mm.=5.4 ins. as against an

average of 76.0 mm.=3.27 ins.

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The condition of Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail," has improved slightly. It was learned last night

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Victim Of Circumstance



Fighting Breaks Out In Bangkok; London Worried

Bangkok, February 27.
Fighting between Siamese Navy and Army elements broke out in the main streets of Bangkok last night. The outbreak occurred shortly after a group, at present unidentified, had seized the Government's Bangkok Radio at 9.30 p.m.

Heavy artillery, mortars and machine gun fire ensued at the Arsenal, the Grand Palace and near the Premier's residence between midnight and day-break today. There were many casualties.

An eye-witness said he saw bodies being loaded into trucks. At dawn, armoured vehicles manned by soldiers and anti-tank guns manned by Marines went into action against each other. This fighting died down by noon.

Reports of serious unrest in Bangkok, reaching diplomatic quarters in London, were causing grave concern today. It was learned on good authority.

London Concerned
Any event contributing to the troubles in South East Asia, now serious in Burma and Malaya, are viewed with concern in London. It was stated.

The troubles, which broke out last night in Bangkok, followed measures taken a few days ago by Marshal Pibul Songkram, the Prime Minister, to control an expected coup d'état by elements in touch with the Chinese Communists.

Marshal Pibul, who was taken with him, will be brought to Asuncion.

Lieutenant Colonel Cesar Malorqui commanded the Cavalry division, while Colonel Alfredo Struener headed the artillery regiment.

No Show Of Force
All operations of the revolution were carried out with the greatest reserve with no show of force. All troops stayed in their barracks but were on the alert, ready to go out if necessary.

The remainder of the military forces gradually joined the revolution.

It is expected that General Ralon and General Villanueva, who was taken with him, will be brought to Asuncion.

When the rebels had the situation under control, they issued an "Act of the Army" naming Dr. Lopez, provisional president of the Republic.

Asuncion remained quiet and there were no demonstrations.

Too High, Russia Says
Penang, February 26.

The Soviet Union considers the price asked for Malayan rubber too high and has not yet ordered fresh shipments, leading rubber shippers here told Reuter today.

The Russians have offered new terms which the Malayan sellers were not anxious to accept, they added.

One of the conditions given by the Russians was that shipments of rubber in future would be inspected at Odessa by the Russians. No contract has been signed yet.

The last shipment of Malayan rubber under the present contract (some 10,000 tons) is leaving Malaya shortly.—Reuter.

Paraguay's Government Overthrown In Bloodless Revolution

Asuncion, Paraguay, February 27.
A civil and military movement overthrew the Government of Paraguay last night in the first bloodless revolution in Paraguayan history and arrested President Raimundo Rolon just 26 days after he took office.

A broadcast by the national radio said General Rolon was succeeded by his own Minister of Education, Dr. Felipe Molas Lopez.

The President was arrested at the town of Paraguara, 37 miles North of Asuncion, touching off a bloodless coup d'état that was accomplished in four hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

General Rolon had gone to Paraguara for personal reasons. The First Regiment of Artillery, which has barracks at Paraguara, was joined in revolt by the First Division of Cavalry at Campo Grande, 12 kilometres from Asuncion.

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Round-The-World Co-Operative Plane Tariff
London, February 27.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that for the first time in aviation history the BOAC, the British South American Airways and the British European Airways, with 14 other airlines, have prepared a round-the-world co-operative standard fare tariff.

By way of the North Pacific and mid-Pacific routes, the fare will be £421 17. 0. and £401 5. 0. for the longer route via Australia.

The standard fare includes hotel accommodation at night-stops up to a maximum of 48 hours. No extra fare is payable if the traveller wishes to break his journey at any point (at his own expense), provided the whole journey is completed within one year.

Passengers will also be able to change their itineraries on the way, at no extra cost, and 40 kilogrammes of free baggage will be permitted, compared with 30 kilogrammes on normal airline routes.

The tariff, covering more than 1,000 alternative routes and serving more than 105 cities throughout the world, will be effective from March 26.

The airlines participating in the network are: Aerolineas Italianas, International American Airlines, British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, British European Airways Corporation, South American Airways, Caledonian Airways, Hong Kong Airways, Israel Airways Corporation, North West Airlines, Philippine Airlines, Sogama, Quantair, Empire Airways, Trans-Canada Airlines, Trans-World Airlines, and United Airlines.

Bulgarian Church Leader Confesses To Spying, Treason

Sofia, February 26.
Sobbing in court Pastor Vassil Georgiev Ziapkov, the chief defendant in the treason trial here of 15 Evangelical Church leaders, pleaded guilty today to all charges against him of treason and spying.

He told a crowded court he had become a spy for both the Americans and the British because he had always been "pro-American and pro-English." England was his "second homeland," he said.

Ziapkov, who is 48, was described as a representative of the United Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria and a member of their Supreme Council here.

Pastor Ziapkov said he supplied Professor Black with information on the Workers' Movement and Communist activities in Bulgaria. During the war it was easy for him to gather information for the American Secret Service because German officers came to his house and from them he got information of value to Professor Black in Istanbul.

He said in October, 1944, he was visited by Mr. Bert Andrews, alleged in the indictment to have been a British agent, and Mr. Andrews' brother, stated to have been the head of the Bulgarian section of the British Broadcasting Corporation. (A Mr. Stanley George Burt Andrews was on the staff of the former British Mission in Sofia).

Later, he said, he had another talk with Mr. Andrews at the British Mission when he said, Mr. Andrews asked him whether he still had some connections with England and whether he liked England.

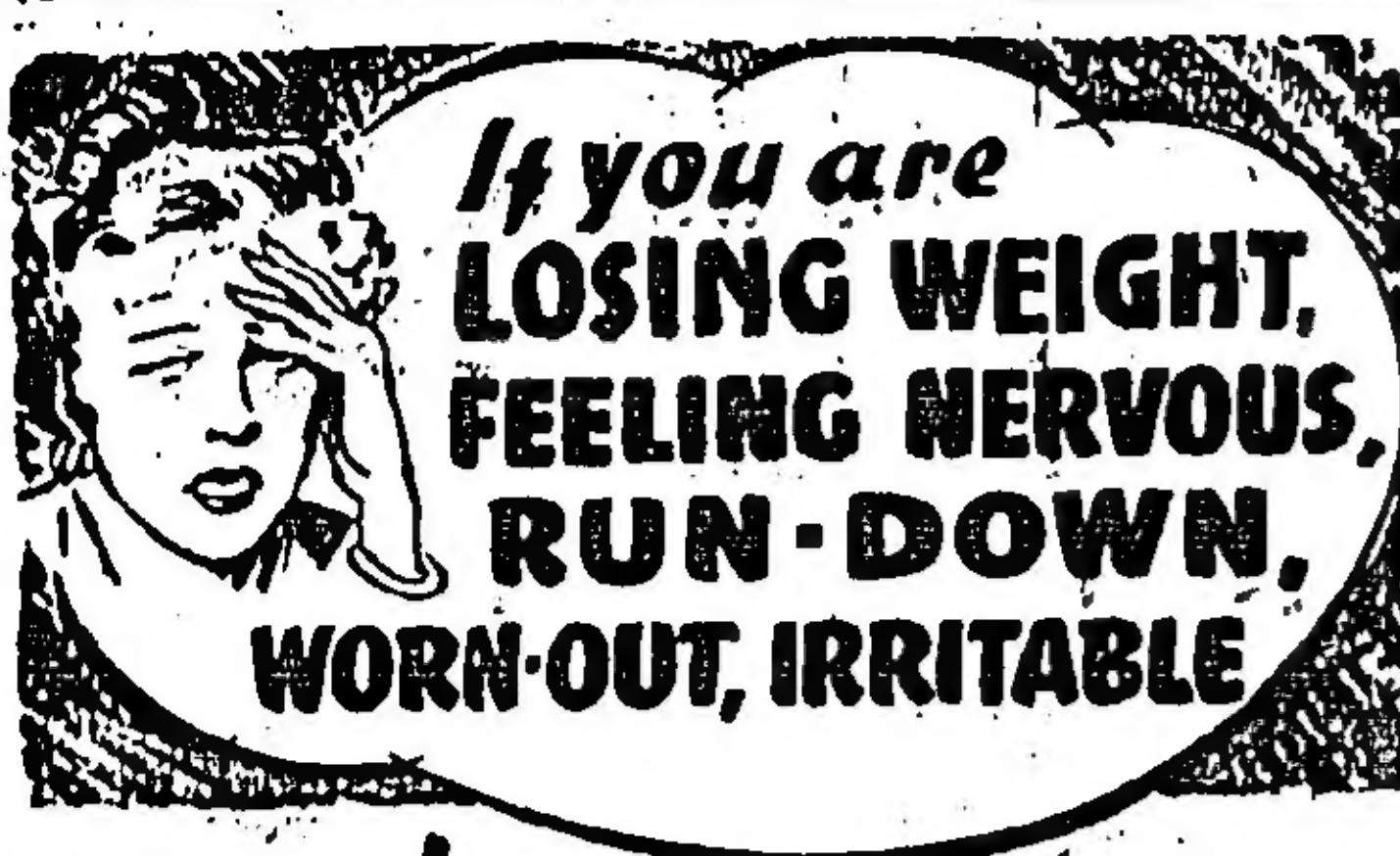
Pastor Ziapkov said he replied that he considered England his "second homeland." Mr. Andrews, he continued, then asked whether he would be ready to do something for England, and he said he would.

Mr. Andrews then asked him to supply political and economic information. He said he was grateful to England and America "and out of this gratitude I agreed to give information."

Ziapkov said he returned to Bulgaria "very much pro-American and pro-English." He had no objections when in 1932 Professor Floyd Black, Dean of an American college in Bulgaria, asked him for "certain information." (Professor Black is alleged to have been an American Secret Service agent in Bulgaria before the war and chief of the American Intelligence in Istanbul during the war.)

Intelligence Reports
He said Mr. Andrews asked him to supply reports on production, the political situation and so on. The accused said he received much information from Professor Naoumoff, who pleaded guilty yesterday. Pastor Ziapkov added that at a meeting of the Supreme Evangelical Council shortly after the liberation he told another of the accused, Pastor Miskov: "I am in touch with the British Intelligence Service."

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A Rhodes Dream Is Coming True

(By NOEL MONKS)

Victoria Falls, February 27.
With their backs to the mighty Zambezi and the roar of the Victoria Falls in their ears, a dozen men sat at a table in a cardroom of the luxury Falls Hotel in Southern Rhodesia and planned history.

When the conference ended three days later, the first steps had been taken in the formation of the new Central African Dominion, and yet another dream of Rhodes started towards fulfilment.

Indeed, were Cecil Rhodes alive and able to look in on this historic conference, he might nod his wise head and say:

"Fifty years ago in Capetown they said I was a madman just for talking about what you gentlemen are now accomplishing."

The Victoria Falls Conference of representatives from Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland was watched with great interest throughout Africa—and particularly in the Union.

On September 14 last year Sir Godfrey Huggins, Southern Rhodesia's Prime Minister, said: "There is going to be a United States of Africa where the sun comes up. First there will be the linking together of the two Rhodesias, North and South, and

the entry of Nyasaland with us into a great Middle Dominion of Africa."

His Dream Too.

Sir Godfrey, who had just then been returned as Premier with an overwhelming majority, will lead his Colony's delegation to the conference, for this Central African Dominion has been a dream of his too for many years.

Whitehall has little time for such realistic projects as envisaged by the Victoria Falls Conference, and no encouragement has been given to the far-sighted men who will participate.

The advent of a strong British Central State in Africa are up against a Whitehall policy of "Africa for the Africans," even though such a State would be of great value strategically in the event of a war in which the Union was neutral—something that under a Nationalist Government has to face.

Fifty years ago Rhodes stayed

politicians in far-off England for being "timid" in their African outlook, and declared: "Government by the unseen must pass away."

All Want It

The men attending the Victoria Falls Conference feel the same way. They want to build a new Dominion that will always remain British, that will always be of great value and service to the British people.

The systems of Government of the three areas that want to federate are completely different. Southern Rhodesia has a one-house Parliament to which only Europeans can be elected, although the natives can vote.

Northern Rhodesia has a Governor assisted by an Executive and a Legislative Council to which some members are elected and others appointed.

Nyasaland, a Protectorate, has no elections and the Governor administers the territory assisted by an Executive Council. The three countries are to be divided on native policy, but not so hopelessly divided as if they were federating with the Union.

It is not hard to visualise great things ahead of these three vast, wealthy territories if the dead band of Whitehall were removed.

Southern Rhodesia, with its self-government, is progressive, vital, alive. Nyasaland is backward and stagnant. Northern Rhodesia would be the same but for a handful of non-Civil Servants, independent of Whitehall.

Before anything but a very loose federation can take place major alterations in the form of the Governments of the two Northern territories will be necessary, and then they must go to Whitehall for a decision.

That might be the song on which the Victoria Falls Conference will be wrecked. In February 1899 Cecil Rhodes went from Capetown to Whitehall to plead for funds for building a railway through Southern Rhodesia to Tanganyika.

He was kept cooling his heels for four months before the "timid" politicians were persuaded of the importance of the project. Will this new Africap history, about to be written on the banks of the Zambezi, repeat the old?

Not that Whitehall's representatives don't give of their best. They give their lives in the service of these territories on which the sun is supposed never to set.

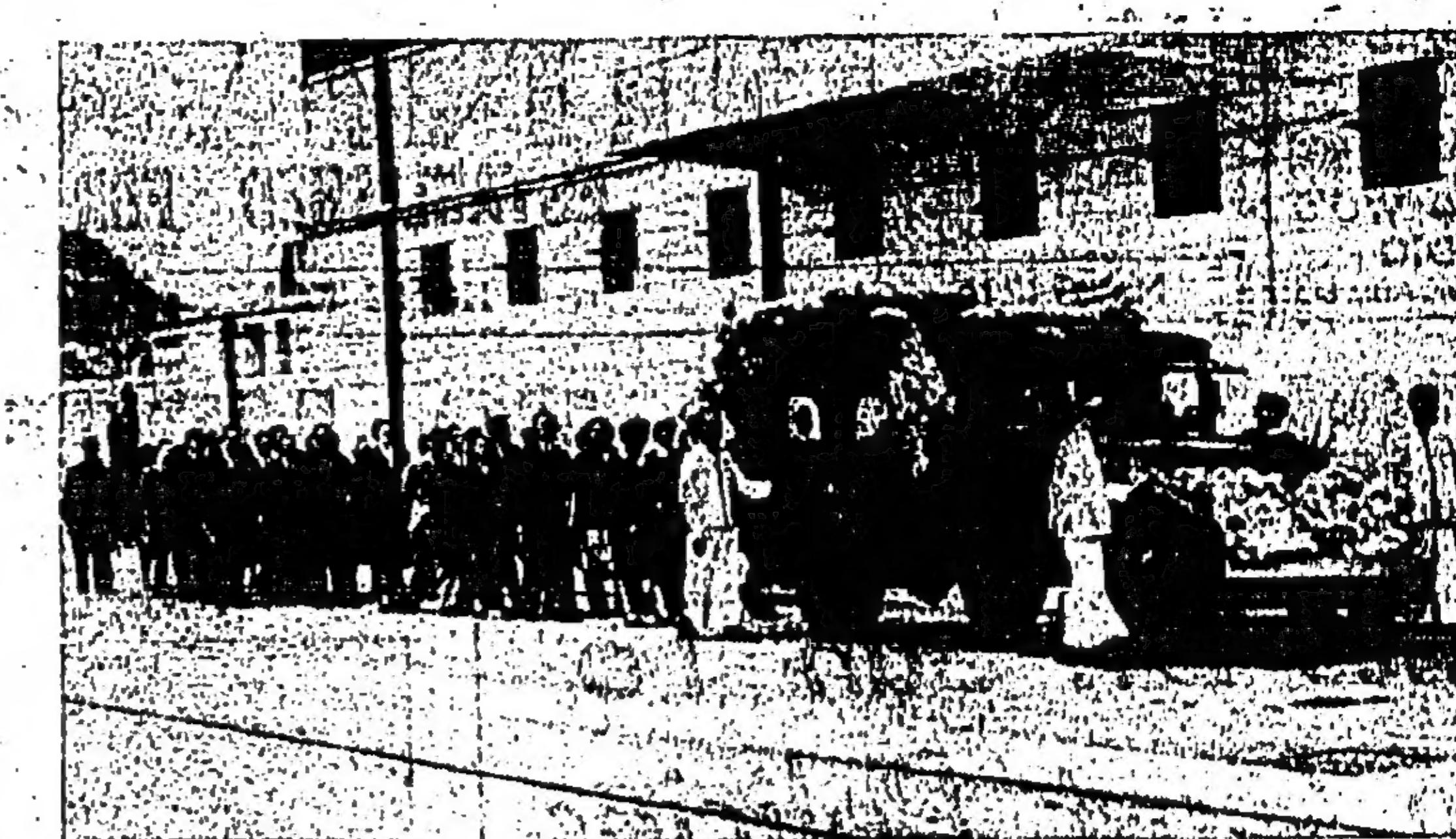
For The Many

As part of the Central African Dominion, Nyasaland could exploit her scenic beauties, unsurpassed in the world, that are at present available to very few.

The copper mines in Northern Rhodesia are among the most important in the world, but their output is restricted by communications. Southern Rhodesia has gold, chrome, coal, agriculture and great industrial development.

Join the three States together, and in the lifetime of many years, this will have a new Dominion with great future.

The Central African Dominion won't be an overnight affair. Much water will go over the Falls between the end of the conference and its creation.



Funeral of Miss Zilapkov, one of the CPA plane crash victims. "China Mail" photo.

Funeral Of CPA Air Crash Victim

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Pastor Zilapkov and Pastor Miskov, who was educated in the United States and had relatives in England, agreed to supply him with information for the British.

After this meeting, Pastor Zilapkov said he was surprised to receive a visit from Mr. Cyril Black, of the American Mission, with whose father he had been in contact before the war.

Mr. Black told him, he said, that he did not like his assignment, that Bulgaria was not a free country and that the new regime had been established at the cost of 30,000 victims. When he told Mr. Black that his last information was incorrect, Mr. Black suggested that he might become a better source of information, Pastor Zilapkov agreed.

The service was conducted by C. Percy Smith, the vicar of Christ Church.

Besides the chief mourners who included her mother, and her sister Edith, others present were Captain Furley, Messrs. M. Böder, D.O. Silver, Gardner, Röder, Val Carnack, Mrs. Egan, V.L. Spink, and Misses Fernandes, C. Vinesky, E. Demee, I. Porter, Azevedo, L. Castro, I. Machado, L. Fernandes, and many others.

Many wreaths were sent by relatives and friends.

Miss O. Batley was a former student of the American Convent Hong Kong. About a year before joining CPA, she was a star vocal artiste with Eddie Gurman and his Orchestra at the Ritz where she was known as "Dolores." She was 24 years old. Miss O. Batley is survived by her mother, and three sisters, one of whom is in Australia.

Pastor Zilapkov said he agreed to do this because he had always been pro-American and had given information to Mr. Black's father before the war. He told the court that he then went to see Mr. Andrews of the British Mission in December, 1944, and told him of his agreement with Mr. Black.

Mr. Andrews voiced no objection "because the British and American policy in the Balkans coincided," but, he said, Mr. Andrews asked that he should keep the British informed about all the more important information he turned over to the Americans.

The pastor said that the Americans did not know of his work for the British. He again broke into tears when he said: "This is how I got into this very uncomfortable situation when I was working for two countries and dividing my loyalty between the two countries."

He then added that Mr. Black had asked him to supply "particularly military information."

End Of Career

Zilapkov continued his testimony by saying that he was arrested on November 4. "That was the end of my espionage career."

Bursting into tears again, he added: "Why did I do it? After the liberation we were all afraid of the Communists. We had no idea how they would treat us and what would be their attitude towards us. We knew about the first acts of the Russian Revolution and we thought they would be the same here. They were entirely different."

"I do not want to hide this from you, that I have been pro-British and pro-American, but here and now I want to state that blood is after all thicker than water. I am a Bulgarian. With the Anglo-Americans I first had spiritual ties, but later these became espionage ties under the influence of religion."

Still weeping and wiping his eyes with his handkerchief, he said: "This is where I sinned." He said he did not realise how great an enemy he was serving. "I want to compare only Greece and Bulgaria," he said. "There is peace and well-being here and civil war and misery in Greece. Greece is a base of American imperialism. That is why they were interested in our production. We became the tools of the enemy. We became the weapons of American capitalism."

"I sold myself to a foreign power and gave up my people. I consciously impeded the march ahead of the new State. No matter how terrible this trial is for me, I do not look upon it as a disaster." It is the end of an old criminal activity and the beginning of something new and good. It's a homecoming for me."

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY SERVICE

The St. David's Society Service was held at the St. John's Cathedral yesterday when Bishop N.V. Halward preached the sermon.

The lesson was read by Mr. H. Owen Hughes and the Rev. F. Jones read the service.

Mr. R. J. Jones, President of the St. David's Society, was present at the service.

A wreath laying ceremony of the St. David's Society will be held at the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m.

tomorrow, and the Annual Dinner will be at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden at 8.30 p.m.

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Scorpions Win Over Optimists

The Intra-Club cricket match between HKCC "Scorpions" and HKCC "Optimists" at Chater Road yesterday resulted in a win for the "Scorpions" by four wickets.

Taking first ball, the "Optimists" found runs hard to get, especially against the deadly bowling of Frank Howarth, who took six wickets for 39 runs.

The "Optimists" were given a good start by Arthy, who played a great fighting innings against bowlers of the type of Pearce, Howarth, Owen Hughes and Gee. Arthy had 41 to his credit when he was caught by Howarth off McLeod.

Oliver (31), Millet (22) and (16) helped with the scoring, but the other batsmen collapsed miserably, with the result that the "Optimists" were all out for 139 runs.

Murphy Brown, who opened for the "Scorpions," attacked the bowling confidently and had scored 64 when he had the misfortune to be given out lbw. Veteran Owen Hughes contributed a useful 22 runs, while Frank Howarth rounded off a good day's work by scoring 10.

After scoring the necessary runs for victory, the "Scorpions" continued bating and were all out for 165 runs.

Bailey, who was put on to bowl somewhat late, gave a good account of himself by claiming the wickets of Leach, Howarth and Gee for 14 runs.

OPTIMISTS

N.E. Arthy, b Howarth, b	b
L.D. Kilbey, c and b Gee	b
N.R. Oliver, lbw Howarth	b
F. Thorpe, lbw Howarth	b
G.T. Bailey, b Howarth	b
K.A. Miller, c McLeod, b	b
Owen Hughes	b
R.W. Franklin, b Howarth	b
T.P. Mahon, c Gibbons, b	b
Howarth	b
W.T. Sligher, b Howarth	b
A.S. Eason, not out	b
M.P. Wood, b Owen Hughes	b
Extras	b
	12
Total	139

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O. M. R. W.
Howarth	16 4 39 6
Pearce	1 1 20 1
Gee	4 1 14 1
McLeod	5 1 28 1
Murphy Brown	2 1 11 3
Wells	2 1 11 3
Owen Hughes	5 1 23 1
	139

SCORPIONS

W. Murray Brown, lbw	b
Franklin	b
O.J. Kerr, c Bailey, b Mahon	b
T.A. Pearce, lbw Arthy	b
M. Newton, c Sligher	b
Mahon	b
H. Owen Hughes, c Oliver, b	b
Arthy	b
D.H. Leach, c Kilbey, b Bailey	b
F. Howarth, c Arthy, b Bailey	b
I. McLeod, Sligher, b Eason	b
G. Gibbons, not out	b
F. Gee, b Bailey	b
A.P. Wells, b Sligher	b
Extras	b
	5
Total	165

YACHT BUILDER HAS MORE THAN MEMORIES, INTENDS CARRYING ON

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Seventy years ago, a young Chinese dock artisan attracted the attention of visiting officers of the Royal Navy by his ardent interest and skill in handling sailing craft.

As a result, whenever dinghies of His Majesty's ships were in need of repairs, young Ah King was sent for when they called at Hong Kong.

Today, the outgrowth of a small "home-made" slipway at the present site of the Victoria Recreation Club, Ah King Slipway, is an important landmark of the port of Hong Kong—known to many yachting lovers all over the world.

For three of the sailing craft built at the Colony's only known large-scale yacht building yard have made sailing history.

In 1935, the 40-foot yacht Romance, built from Hong Kong across the Pacific Ocean to Vancouver, arriving there without any mishap. The Romance, completed after four months at Ah King Slipway, was managed by her owner, Captain Green, former master of the Empress of Asia, his son and a Chinese friend.

Estimated to have cost HK\$40,000 (at the current price), the 70-foot long yacht Su-Fong took four months to reach San Francisco from the Colony in 1937. She took six months to be completed.

The third craft built at Ah King Slipway, whose successful trip further spread the already-known fame of the builders, was the Chang Ho, a junk-style but yacht-designed craft. Special fittings were sent from America by the owner, believed to be one of the Rockefeller family.

Dr. Fairchild sailed in the Chang Ho from Hong Kong through the South Sea Islands to

Singapore XV Arrive

The Singapore United Services Rugby XV arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon and appear to be very fit.

The team will have a kick about this morning at Soo-kunpoo at 10 a.m. and will meet the Club XV at 5 p.m. today on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

For those who can manage to get away, this game should be well worth watching.

Arrangements and prices of admission to the Ground will be the same as for Saturday.

CENTURY BY SIMPSON HELPS MCC

Durban, February 26. Thanks to a fine fighting century by Reginald Simpson, the MCC were able to lead Natal on the first innings by 20 runs with one wicket to fall on the second day of their match here.

At the close of play, the MCC had made 237 for 9 wickets in reply to Natal's total of 217.

Simpson, who opened the innings with Hutton, carried his bat for a splendid 119. With wickets falling at regular intervals, he shouldered the responsibility magnificently.

It was Simpson's third century of the tour. He batted faultlessly during his stay of four and three-quarter hours.

Hutton and Hutton put on 72 for the opening partnership and then with the wicket beginning to take spin, wickets began to fall.

Pain, in particular with his left arm slow, was the most effective and in one over dismissed Bedser, Gladwin and Griffith.

Earlier in the day when the pitch was still easy-paced, Wright dashed off Nair's bouncers by taking their last two wickets with three balls.

The scoreboard at the end of the second day's play reads:

NATAL: First Innings 217

MCC First Innings 237

Hutton, b Payn 45

Simpson, not out 118

Palmer, c & b Gerasigny, b

Markham 2

Crapp, b Tayfield 17

Mann, st. Williams, b Down-

ing 0

Tremlett, b Downing 11

Bedser, lbw, b Payn 21

Gladwin, b Payn 0

Giffith, b Payn 0

J. Young, st. Williams, b

Tayfield 4

Wright, not out 10

Extras 7

Total (for 9) 237

BOWLING O M R W

McCarthy 10-1-44-0

Dawson 0-0-17-0

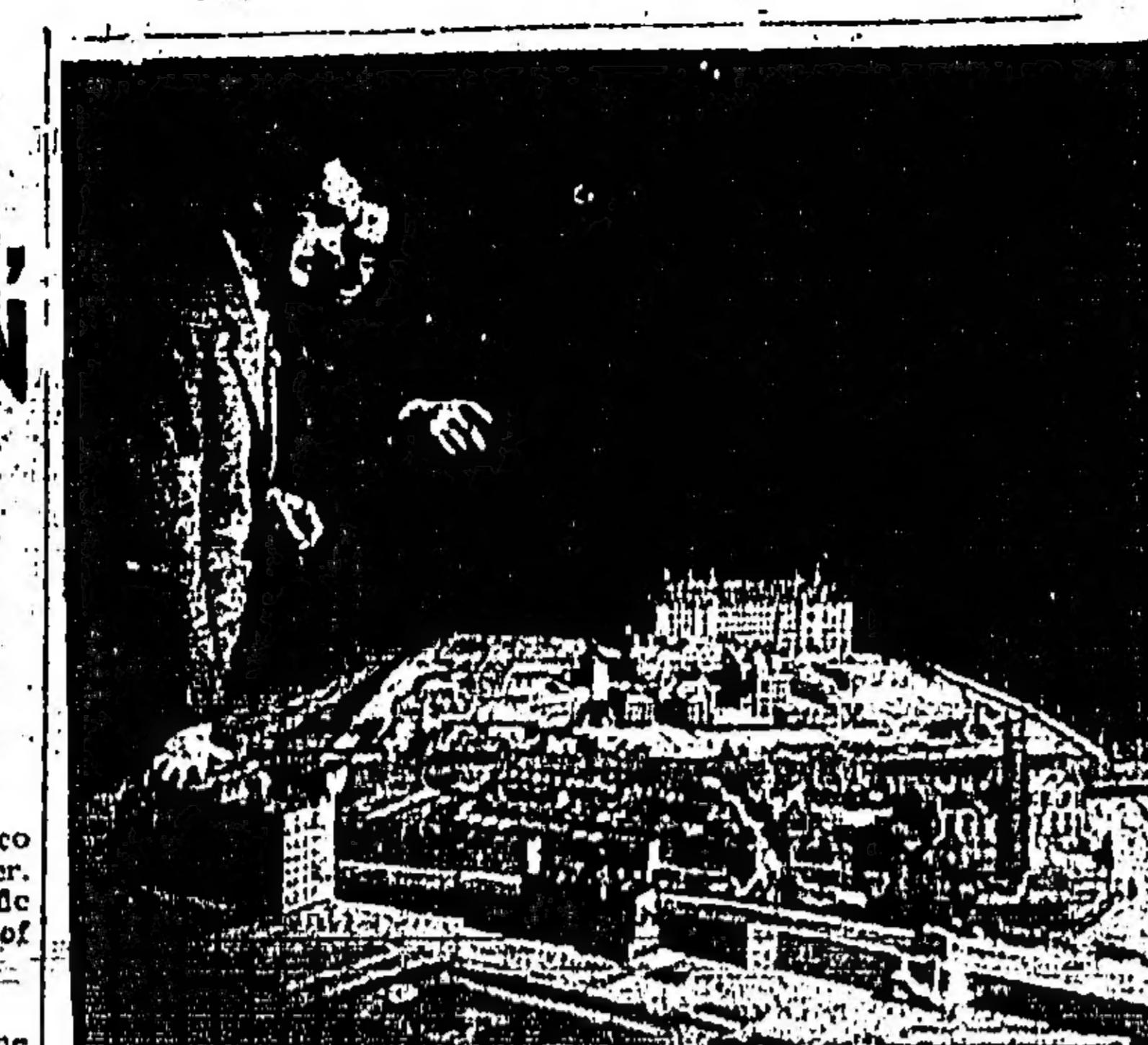
Payn 24-6-58-4

Tayfield 20-0-49-2

Markham 0-0-30-2

Downing 11-0-36-2

Reuter 0-0-0-0



Rugby Union Tourney Left Wide Open

London, February 26.

The Rugby Union international championship is left wide open as a result of today's two matches between England and France, at Twickenham, and Scotland and Ireland, at Murrayfield.

Ireland's victory at Murrayfield by two goals, one penalty goal (13 points) to one penalty goal (three points) enable them to move into the lead with Scotland, who suffered their first defeat of the season, with four match points each.

England scored their first victory since April, 1947, in beating France by one goal, one dropped goal (8 points) to one dropped goal (3 points) at Twickenham. France, who have yet to win at Twickenham, and Wales, have two match points each.

England's victory, which surprised the critics, was mainly due to the fine opportunism of Ivor Preece, who earlier this season had been dropped, but was recalled as captain and stand-off half. Preece was a master in both attack and defence, his kicking and sense of likely opening being superb.

The English team showed six changes from the last and was based on experimental lines. Splendid work by the forwards against a much heavier pack, keen marking and steady kicking, left the 65,000 crowd in no doubt as to the justice of the result.

The fullback Holmes' long kicking was an outstanding feature.

France brought J. Pilon in for M. Terreau at the last minute. Their backs were too prone to orthodoxy to make much headway, and the wings were checked time after time before they could get into their stride. The visitors' pack was disappointing, although Prat and Sord did their best to pull them together.

Surprise Setback

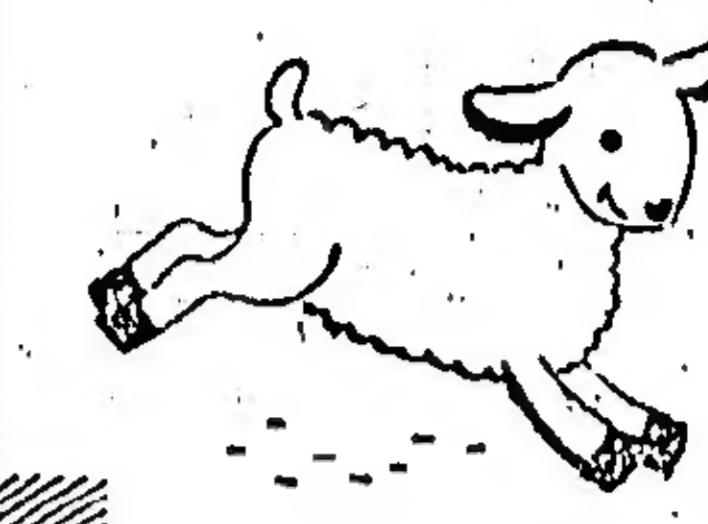
Scotland's hopes of winning the championship received a surprise setback at Murrayfield, where before a crowd of 50,000 Ireland, the holders, won a hard, if rather scrappy game.

Although Ireland lost to France in Dublin last month, they can still win the triple crown by beating Wales at Swansea in two weeks' time and may yet retain the championship.

Apart from the early phases of the game, Scotland never looked like succeeding. Their forwards failed to hold the fiery Irishmen in the loose and this factor more than anything else brought about the Scots' downfall.

All the Irish team played splendidly with McCarthy, who scored both tries, a vigilant wing forward, and North at fullback, perhaps the outstanding men of the match by landing all the goals. Norton brought his total of points in three internationals this season to 24.

Allardice was Scotland's scorer. Connell scored England's try, which Holmes converted in five minutes. Preece dropped a goal in the second half. Alvarez dropped France's only goal in the latter stages of the game.—Reuters.



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Sangola Finally Makes Port After Fog Delay

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

So near yet so far—that's how about 2,000 people people aboard the ss. Sangola felt about Hong Kong when the Peninsula and Oriental steamer was held up outside local waters for five days, entering port late on Saturday. This was the longest delay caused by fog since the Liberation, according to shipping sources.

The Sangola, coming from India via the Straits, brought about 1,700 passengers, including Indian artists for the Kamala circus, a group of Gurkhas, three Japanese returnees, Chinese returnees bound for Amoy and 2,000 tons of cargo, among which were two Scout trucks, raw cotton and the sheets.

On the way from Singapore the Sangola encountered rough seas, and, to quote several passengers, "it was hell." The majority had to stay in bed throughout the two-day ordeal, feeling sick.

There were 10 Europeans among the 96 first class fares, including Brigadier R.H.D. Johns, Lieutenant Colonel C. G. Burt and Mrs. Burt (disembarking here), Captain R.E.F. Maitland, Mr. Paul Sykes and Mr. J. H. Mills, all bound for Kobe.

Among the unberthed passengers, there are more than 1,000 Chinese returnees, bound for Amoy, for which the Sangola is due to leave here on Tuesday. Huddled together in the holds, they have improvised scattered camps for themselves. Household paraphernalia, including bicycles, children's toy machines, and furniture, were propped up to form barricades, inside which mingled members of the families, from the crying infant to the aged grandma.

Mostly natives of Amoy, they were formerly farmers, small-business men and labourers who have saved enough to see their native villages after years of working in the Malay states and Singapore.

"There is talk at present of a Chinese Yacht Club being planned. But nothing concrete has been done yet."

"No, I have not been approached by the proposed Nautical Club de Macao, about orders for a number of yachts and yaws," Ah Hol replied to a query, adding that he had not heard about it yet.

A former student of the Sacred Heart School here, Ah Hol was born in the Colony. He studied for some years at the Pui Cheng Middle School at Canton.

"This kind of work is hereditary in my family. During my school days, my brother and I used to spend most of our play time in the slipway, toying with the instruments and observing.

"My best job was to build 100 life-boats for the Blue Funnel Line during the European war," the genial, robust yacht builder recalled.

He was also responsible for the building of the Chang Ho, Soo-Fong and Romance.

"I now have eight sons now. My brother has three sons and two daughters. So you can see very well that Ah King Slipway will expand for another century," Ah Hol remarked.

And not far away, four little boys in dungarees overalls were running a teak lady under ropes, shouting hoarsely to one another and operating the craft in "make-believe."

"There, you see!" Ah Hol smiled meaningfully.

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The statutory declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being list of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company and Report of Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., Chartered Accountants, Windsor House, Hongkong on the Reconstruction of the Register of Members) can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Courts of Justice, Hongkong. A copy of the statutory declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office during ordinary working hours.

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ATLANTIC PACT WILL COMMIT U.S. TO ACTION AGAINST AGGRESSOR

London Denies Cairo Report

London, February 26.

A British Foreign Office spokesman today denied a Cairo newspaper report that Britain is proposing to withdraw troops from the Suez Canal if Egypt signs a treaty with the Western Bloc.

"The story is untrue," the spokesman said. "No such proposal is being drafted."

He said that Britain has always been willing to seek a "new treaty with Egypt to guarantee a reasonable measure of security" for the Middle East. — Associated Press.

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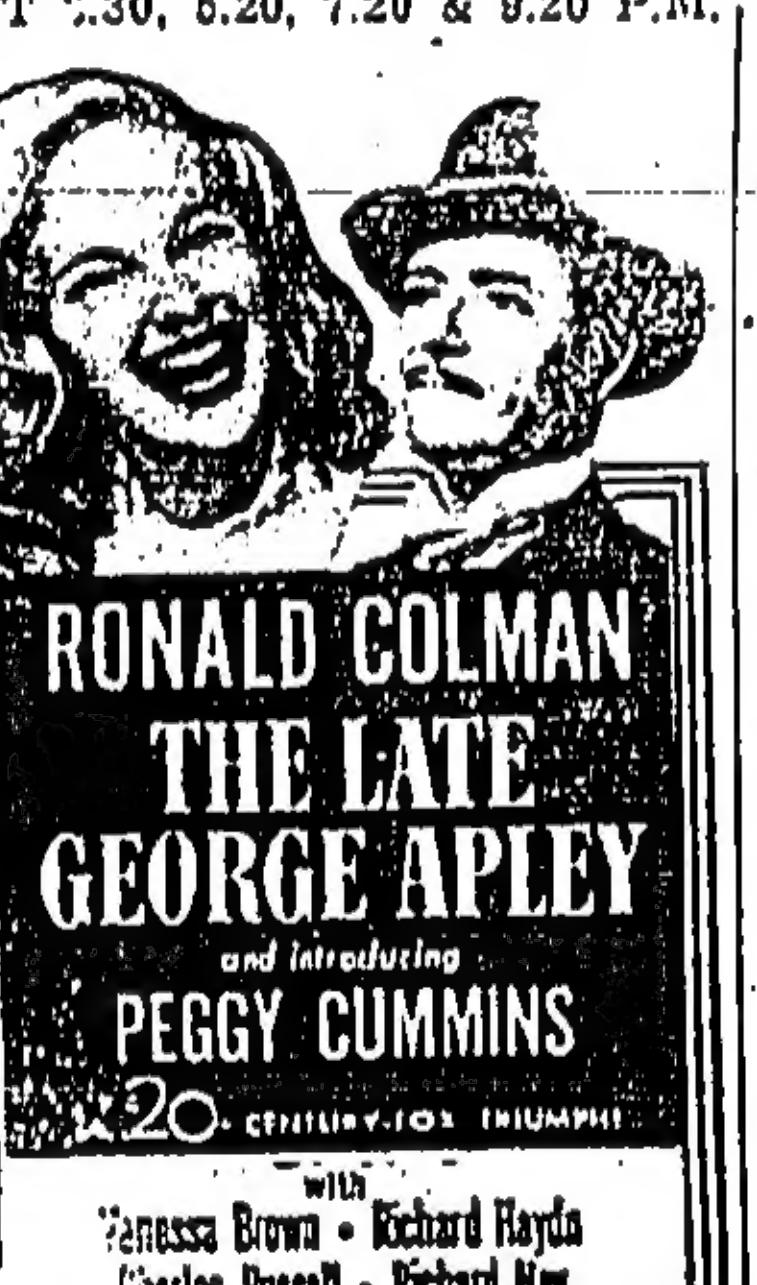
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Senate sources said today that the North Atlantic security pact definitely will commit the United States to military action to stop an aggressor. But Senator Robert Taft, while endorsing the pact, argued against the proposed corollary arms lease-lend programme on the grounds that it might precipitate war with Russia "now."

Senate Taft called the pact a deterrent to war, but told reporters the shipment of arms to Western Europe would convince Russia that she was being "ringed around" by military nations contemplating an "encirclement" campaign.

Senate informants said the treaty will pledge United States forces against armed aggression in Western Europe. But, they added, it would leave the United States full freedom to say when, where and how such force would be applied.

Meanwhile, Communist Eastern Europe stepped up its pressure on little nations to stay clear of the pact and out of the orbits of its signatory countries. Poland this week recalled its ministers to Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland for conferences on the Atlantic treaty, and the Cominform increased the tempo of propaganda attacks on the pact.

Despite this, pact negotiators say they are still hopeful that Denmark, Iceland, Italy and Portugal will join. Norway is expected to receive her first formal invitation to join the treaty negotiations at the conclusion of the Parliamentary debate which begins in Oslo on Tuesday.

"Scare" Campaign
Officials here saw Russian efforts to frighten these nations in bristling statements by Communist leaders that France and

RADIO

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12.30 p.m.—"Daily Programme Summary" (London).
12.32 p.m.—"Melodies from the British Isles" (London).
12.35 p.m.—"The Blue Masters Band with Barbara Bonner (Vocal). (R.H.C.T.S.)

1.00 p.m.—"Hale Du Costa plays some High Plains favourites".

1.15 p.m.—"News, Weather Report and Announcements".

1.35 p.m.—"Mark Weber and His Orchestra".

1.45 p.m.—"Close Down".

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6.00 p.m.—"Programme Summary".

6.01 p.m.—"The Recliners" No. 1 RAF Regional Dance Orchestra (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—"Portuguese Half Hour".

6.45 p.m.—"Close Down".

7.00 p.m.—"World News and News Alerts".

7.15 p.m.—"The Adventures of Charming" by Johnathan Sykes (Studio).

7.30 p.m.—"Hospital Report Half Hour presented by Nan Dickenson (Studio).

7.45 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Daily Mail).

8.10 p.m.—"Recital by John McCormack (Tenor) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

8.30 p.m.—"Like What I Like" presented by Alex Neill (Studio).

8.45 p.m.—"The Melachline Strings".

9.15 p.m.—"A Short Recital by Maggie Teyte (Soprano) and Yvonne Arnaud (Mezzo-Soprano)".

9.30 p.m.—"Extracts from "The Guinea Pig" by W. Chetham-Strode, from the Production by the Hong Kong Stage Club, Production by Phillip Coombes, (Studio).

10.00 p.m.—"Radio News Reel" (London Daily Mail).

10.15 p.m.—"Weather Report".

10.16 p.m.—"Music of the People" (London Daily Mail).

10.30 p.m.—"People" (London Daily Mail).

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11.00 p.m.—"A Short Recital by Maggie Teyte (Soprano) and Yvonne Arnaud (Mezzo-Soprano)".

11.15 p.m.—"Weather Report" and "Close Down".

Bomb Drops In Bulgaria

Lake Success, February 25. Bulgaria has protested to the United Nations against the dropping of a bomb by Greek planes on Bulgarian territory on January 20, the Secretary General of the United Nations (Mr. Trygve Lie) disclosed today.

A cablegram from the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, Mr. Vassil Kolev, said five Greek planes bombing a Greek village dropped one bomb about 50 metres inside the frontier line. The missile did not explode.

The message said Bulgaria protested to the Greek frontier authorities, who referred the complaint to frontier post which no longer existed.

Mr. Kolev cabled: "I protest emphatically against this violation of Bulgarian territory and against this lack of goodwill on the part

of the Greeks to hold a meeting and settle this incident."

Mr. Lie sent the complaint to the Special Committee on the Balkans.—United Press.

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INDONESIA PARLEY

Republicans May Refuse More Definite Terms Needed For Agreement

Informed sources in Batavia predicted today that the exiled Republican leaders will never accept the invitation for a Round Table discussion at the Hague unless it is couched in more definite terms than those of Dr. Beel's statement today.

Karen Advance Halted

Rangoon, February 26. Karen's advancing upon Mandalay, the second largest city in Burma, are cut off from their main base at Meiktila, the North Burma Army headquarters that they occupied last Sunday. It was officially stated today.

Their advance was halted at Myitnge, seven miles South of Mandalay where they face annihilation by a government encircling movement.

Meanwhile, more reinforcements are being rushed to Mandalay.

A Myamya, recaptured army centre 40 miles to the North, mopping up operations are in progress.

While Government troops seek to stabilise the North Burma front, the Karen, supported by the Communists, are renewing their activity to the South. A Government Communiqué said that 200 Karen and Communists attacked Daikti on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway eight miles from Rangoon. It said that 30 rebels were killed in a four-hour battle in which seven civilians were also killed. At the road and rail junction of Pegu, 50 miles from Rangoon, the communiqué reported that a strong concentration of hostile Karen are forcibly collecting arms from local people.

It was officially stated that Government troops were preparing to attack Kanglaub, a hamlet on the outskirts of the Delta rice town of Bassein. It added that during a Communist attack upon Myohaung, an army base to the North of Akyab, on the West coast, 40 Communists were killed and 10 captured.

Armoured squadrons today supported foot-slogging regulars in a dawn attack upon Seminary Hill, the crumbling Karen fortress at Insein where the fighting is entering its fourth week. Government reports said. They added that day-long fighting progressed. According to reports a twin-engined bomber later bombed and strafed the area, as well as the adjacent Christian cemetery where the Karen are entrenched.—Associated Press.

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Burma Not To Attend

Rangoon, February 26. Burma will not attend Monday's New Delhi conference in its initial stage. It was officially stated today. According to a statement representation, if necessary, will later come from the Burmese Embassy at New Delhi, a Foreign Office announcement on the New Delhi discussions regarding the Burmese situation said.

The Burmese government originally sought direct financial assistance by a loan from Britain. It said the government petitioned for a loan in conjunction with Commonwealth governments for direct aid from Britain was not possible. It added that these governments agreed to discuss the question at a joint conference.—Associated Press.

The pertinent question of whether the Dutch still consider Dr. Soekarno and Dr. Hatta merely as individuals or as representatives of the Republican government is still left unanswered.

Sources close to the United will show their readiness to operate.

In the desire to facilitate a prompt beginning of the discussions for a speedy creation of the sovereign United States of Indonesia and in order to fulfil the terms of the resolution of the Security Council on this point, the Netherlands government has decided to lift the remaining restrictions on the liberty of movement of the Republican leaders and to consult with them concerning their wishes as to their future residence and the arrangements which will have to be made in this respect.

Effective Discussions

For the furtherance of effective discussions, the Netherlands government has decided to take the initiative for the convocation of a Round Table Conference at the Hague at the earliest date, that is, on March 12, 1949.

The purpose of this conference will be to discuss the conditions for and the ways along which the earliest possible transfer of sovereignty as indicated above could be effectuated. The simultaneous establishment of the Netherlands Indonesian Union and the arrangements for the intermediary period, including the creation of a Federal Interim Government, these provisions being considered in their relation to the accelerated transfer of sovereignty.

The Netherlands government is prepared to consider together with the parties concerned the merits of any proposed solution put forward at the conference by any of the parties and to examine in how far it is compatible with its responsibility.

In accordance with this purpose the Netherlands government has extended invitations for the Round Table Conference to all parties concerned. The United Nations Committee for Indonesia has been informed that the Netherlands government will welcome the Committee's presence at this conference in order to enable it to render its assistance.

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Dutch Statement

Following is the text of today's Dutch government statement on the Indonesia question:

The Netherlands government is convinced that in order to reach a satisfactory solution of the pending problems, an accelerated transfer of its sovereignty over Indonesia to a representative Federal government is indicated.

The Netherlands government has, therefore, decided to endeavour to effectuate this transfer considerably earlier than at the date of July 1, 1950 which, in accordance with the previous plans of the Netherlands government, has been laid down in the resolution of the Security Council of January 26, 1949 as the ultimate date for the transfer of sovereignty.

It is clear that the achievement of this endeavour along the most desirable lines requires the sincere and energetic co-operation of all parties concerned. The Netherlands government is of the opinion that the common purpose eagerly aimed at justified the confidence that all parties

RANGOON ISOLATED BY REBEL POCKETS

London, February 26. Rangoon, capital of Burma, stands "virtually isolated" from the rest of the country by rebel pockets established along all communication lines, according to official reports received by the Foreign Office today.

Officials said that the six-nation conference called by Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru for February 28 would "explore whether the Commonwealth countries can usefully assist in terminating the civil war in Burma."

The officials disclosed that Britain has already given financial assistance to the Burmese government and part of this was extended on the purchase of British arms and ammunition.

Today it was conceded that in view of the Burmese government's precarious position, "money alone could not provide the complete answer to the present difficulties."

According to official statements, Monday's conference would be mainly concerned with the procurement of Burma's rice crop through purchases financed by India, Pakistan and Ceylon, but today's reports from Burma prompted considerable doubts whether the Burmese Government in the present military situation could ship any quantities which may be necessary.

It was anticipated therefore that both India and Pakistan would urge for more direct action to "restore confidence" in the Burmese government.

It was understood that India and Pakistan would urge the six Commonwealth countries to intercede in Burma with the object of persuading the government to accede to the Karen's demand for a separate state within the Burmese Union. It was also stressed that Monday's conference did not signify the Commonwealth support for the Karen although it was known that there was wide Parliamentary sympathy for the Karen cause.

The sole object of the New Delhi conference, official sources said, was to effect an early end to the confusion in Burma which was "prejudicial to the security of South East Asia as a whole."

Indian sources said that Premier Nehru's initiative in proposing the conference re-emphasised his determination to oust Communism from South East Asia.—United Press.

**Navy Produces
Something New**

London, February 25. Aircraft carriers with flexible flight decks and carrier-based jet fighters without landing gear were described by the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm today.

A Navy statement reveals that experiments have been carried out for the past eight months on a carrier fitted with a rubberised deck. A Vampire jet fighter minus landing gear took off and landed successfully on the 13,000-ton carrier Warrior. The jet was catapulted from the deck of the carrier and landed on a special skid substitute for the conventional landing gear.

Navy experts say that the elimination of heavy under-carriages from Navy fighters greatly improved their performance.—United Press.

The only limitation is that the union's constitution will have to be ratified by the Netherlands Parliament, the Ambassador added.—Associated Press.

American Proposal Desired

Washington, February 27. Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. E. N. van Kleefens, suggested on Saturday that an American proposal for the make-up of an Indonesian Government be used as a starting point in the proposed round table conference between Dutch and Indonesian leaders.

The US proposal calls for one third representation in the Government by territories which have been trying to set up a Dutch-backed Republic, and two thirds by territories which have gone along with the Dutch-backed federation plan.

It was made initially by Merle Cochran, US delegate on the United Nations Conciliation Commission which has been trying for months to bring about an agreement between the two parties.

At a news conference, van Kleefens also emphasised the principal minority groups in Indonesia should have "appropriate representation" and "in proportion to their significance."

One of the main minority groups is the Chinese, who number around 1,125,000.

The Ambassador stressed that at the proposed conference the Dutch Government "wishes to put no plan on the table on the basis of take it or leave it."

This applies, he said, to the proposed union between the Netherlands and the United States of Indonesia under the Dutch crown.

He said the union will be set up in "voluntary common consultation" so "both partners in it will find their interests reflected in the terms to be adopted."

The only limitation is that the union's constitution will have to be ratified by the Netherlands Parliament, the Ambassador added.—Associated Press.

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Chiang Completely Retired From Politics

Shanghai, February 27. General Tang En-po, commander of the Nationalist armies in the Nanking-Shanghai area who will have the job of defending the vital area if China's civil war is to be continued, told the United Press today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is completely and fully retired from the political and military scene in China.

General Tang—who is in a position to know—said the reports that Chiang Kai-shek "is still running things" through daily contact with various military or administrative officials were not true and without foundation.

United Nations Not Successful

Baltimore, Maryland, February 27.

The United Nations has not been, and will not be, successful until it has a military force to back up its political decisions, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says.

The widow of President Franklin D. Roosevelt told 900 women that "from a political standpoint, the United Nations has not proved very successful."

Mrs. Roosevelt said that before the UN can function effectively the 58 members must:

1. Agree to mutual inspection of industries.
2. Contribute to a common military organization to back up rulings of the majority.
3. Reduce their national military establishments to police force size.—Associated Press.

Reds In U.S. Face Trial Soon

New York, February 26. The actual trial of the 11 Communist leaders will begin next Wednesday ending their six weeks of "stalling tactics" which failed to quash the trial jury panel and void their indictment.

Federal Judge Harold Medina today ordered the defendants to prepare themselves for actual trial on Wednesday. He said he was convinced they failed to prove their constitutional rights to a fair trial had been denied.

The defendants have sought to prove juries are selected exclusive

ly from the "wealthy executive class" of White Christians. Three jury officials testified yesterday that large numbers of Negroes, Jews, manual workers, women and poor have been called for jury service.

The communists are being pro-

secuted for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of government by force. They were indicted last December.—United Press.

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20 Connaught Road, C. Tel. 24483.CHURCHILL STRESSES NEED FOR
EUROPEAN REGIONAL SECURITY

Brussels, February 26.

The United Nations would be "a failure and even a mockery" unless regional groups throughout the world managed to settle small problems among themselves, Mr. Winston Churchill told the inaugural Congress of the European Movement here tonight.

Declaring that the United Nations had been reduced to "a brawling cockpit in which insults may be flung back and forth," he said: "The main cause of this disaster is, of course, the fact that the world is sundered by the aggression of Communist ideology through the armed power of Soviet Russia.

"But there are also fundamental differences in the structure of the United Nations Organisation, which must be corrected if any progress is to be made. "Just as in any great army it is necessary to have Army Groups, just as in any division it is necessary to have battalions, so there must be these intermediate organisations to make coherent action possible at the supreme summit."

"Therefore, I believe that the creation of regional organisations is an inseparable part of any structure of world security."

Mr. Churchill continued: "There are a number of ancient and famous European States which are no longer able to take their stand for those human rights for which they have so great a need. The yoke of the Kremlin oligarchy has descended upon them and they are the victims of a tyranny more subtle and merciless than any hitherto known to history."

"In the report of the Executive Committee, our principles are set forth with clarity—love of freedom, hostility to totalitarianism of every kind, the humble and conscientious search for truth, respect for the human personality and for the individual as an individual."

Moral Values

"These moral values, founded alike on Christian faith and charity and on the spirit of rationalism, are the message of our 2,000-year old European civilisation and culture."

"Let us make sure that, enjoying as we do this common inheritance, we take all the necessary steps lest it be wasted or cast away."

Speaking of the proposals at The Hague Congress in May last for the creation of a European Assembly and a European Court for the enforcement of human rights, Mr. Churchill said: "The European Assembly is now on the point of being achieved. We have now to take the second step forward and to try to establish as the practical result of our meeting here the setting up of a European Court of Human Rights."

"Such a court in no way challenges the authority of a world court, but it may well be that the principles laid down by the United Nations will be better and more effectively interpreted by courts in the more united and homogeneous area of the regional units let Europe judge Europe."

"We have the Charter of Human Rights and we must have a European means of defending and enforcing it. It must not be possible that within the boundaries of United Europe such a legal atrocity could be perpetrated as that which confronted us in the case of Cardinal Mindszenty."

Mr. Churchill continued: "An institution in this condition cannot have the authority to command the respect of those who were the most ardent for its creation. The main cause of this disaster is, of course, the fact that the world is sundered by the aggression of the Communist ideology through the armed power of Soviet Russia."

He said he had always felt during the war that the structure of world security could be founded only on regional organisations. "Regional organisations are encouraged by the Constitution of the United Nations, but they have so far played no effective part. In consequence, the supreme body has been encumbered and confused by a mass of questions, great and small, above which only a babel of harsh voices can be heard. Large regional units are the necessary elements in any scheme of world Government."

"It is vain to build the dome of the temple of peace without

Inclusion Of
W. Germany

London, February 26. Britain and the United States were planning to include Western Germany in the proposed Atlantic Pact and to "convert that reactionary State into a supplier of arms," the Soviet commentator, Vladimirov, declared over Moscow Radio today.

The plan for the creation of the "aggressive North Atlantic Pact" reserved a prominent place for Western Germany, he said. "German military units are being already formed in the Western Zones of Germany," Vladimirov added.

"The task of our Movement is to foster and encourage the prize of being a European. We are all agreed that our ultimate aim is the liberty and freedom of the whole of Europe, but that can only be achieved by stages."

"The Europe we are trying to build must be independent but not isolated. We stretch our hands out in gratitude to the other half of the world, across the ocean. We express our admiration to the great United States for the part they are playing, not only in the reconstruction of European economy, but also in guaranteeing our security and defence."

Mr. Churchill continued: "The Atlantic Pact will give us all a guarantee that the cause of freedom will not be aggressively assaulted without effective help coming from the great Republic over the ocean. This is the hour in which we would move forward with confidence, offering all the men in all the lands the freedom we ourselves enjoy."

Extra police were on duty to deal with possible Communist demonstrations at the mass meeting of the United Europe Movement addressed by Mr. Churchill.

The Burgomaster of Brussels had banned any Communist demonstrations in the city. Shopkeepers near the scene of the meeting had cancelled arrangements to fly the "Europe Emblem"—an emerald "E" on a white background—for fear their windows might be smashed.

The Political Committee of the Movement's International Council tonight unanimously approved a draft resolution on the "need for a European Union." The Committee was charged with the task of establishing the principles of a European policy and drafting a declaration on it.

The Political Committee decided to modify a draft five-point resolution on details of the European Union prepared by the Movement's Executive Council. The amended resolution will come before the International Council's plenary session on Monday.

The resolution dealt with: (1) the future structure of Europe; (2) the necessity of including Western Germany and the Rhineland in the European Union; (3) the participation of overseas territories; (4) European political economy; and (5) the competence and powers of the proposed European Economic Council.—Reuter.

European Unity

"Tonight we meet here, working patiently together in some respects, the greatest of the regional organisations. We work here for European unity and for the creation of the necessary apparatus by which a united Europe can become a principal factor in the life and peace of the world and a worthy member of the world organisation."

"If we are striving to raise Europe from the awful welter and misery and ruin into which we

have been plunged, it is not only for the sake of Europe but for the sake of the whole world that we toil."

"It is not only to the regional organisation but to the cause of world Government that our loyalties are directed."

Mr. Churchill added: "There you have the crime of religious persecution committed on an innocent man under the direct orders of Moscow and carried through with all those methods of police Government made familiar to the Soviet trials."

"The task of our Movement is to foster and encourage the prize of being a European. We are all agreed that our ultimate aim is the liberty and freedom of the whole of Europe, but that can only be achieved by stages."

"The Europe we are trying to build must be independent but not isolated. We stretch our hands out in gratitude to the other half of the world, across the ocean. We express our admiration to the great United States for the part they are playing, not only in the reconstruction of European economy, but also in guaranteeing our security and defence."

Mr. Churchill continued: "The Atlantic Pact will give us all a guarantee that the cause of freedom will not be aggressively assaulted without effective help coming from the great Republic over the ocean. This is the hour in which we would move forward with confidence, offering all the men in all the lands the freedom we ourselves enjoy."

Extra police were on duty to deal with possible Communist demonstrations at the mass meeting of the United Europe Movement addressed by Mr. Churchill.

The Burgomaster of Brussels had banned any Communist demonstrations in the city. Shopkeepers near the scene of the meeting had cancelled arrangements to fly the "Europe Emblem"—an emerald "E" on a white background—for fear their windows might be smashed.

The Political Committee of the Movement's International Council tonight unanimously approved a draft resolution on the "need for a European Union." The Committee was charged with the task of establishing the principles of a European policy and drafting a declaration on it.

The Political Committee decided to modify a draft five-point resolution on details of the European Union prepared by the Movement's Executive Council. The amended resolution will come before the International Council's plenary session on Monday.

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FINNCE AND COMMERCE

Transfer Of Gold, Silver From South China To Shanghai

Shanghai, February 27. The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, and Governor S. Y. Liu of the Central Bank, whose arrival here from South China was awaited yesterday to clarify many points of the new economic programme, postponed their return owing to bad weather but are now expected in Shanghai today.

A Central Bank source revealed that Mr. Liu yesterday paid a visit to Dr. T. V. Soong, former Premier, who is now residing in Hong Kong, to discuss the transfer of gold and silver from South China to Shanghai to support the policy of free trading in gold and silver and also for the minting of silver dollars.

A high Central Bank official told newsmen that the new economic programme will be formally enforced tomorrow through a gradual process. This official advanced the opinion that the Central Bank

is able to control commodity prices and tighten up the money market.

He said the Central Bank will choose the most opportune time to throw appropriate quantities of gold bars and silver dollars on to the market to arrest any runaway tendencies.

He revealed that all details concerning the control of gold and silver markets and the rates of gold and silver vis-à-vis gold yuan notes will be discussed after the return of Mr. Liu.

He disclosed that the issue of foreign currencies, the free use of private foreign exchange and regulations for the export and import trade are being studied by the Import-Export Board, the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance.

General Chen Ta-ching, the Shanghai Garrison Commander, has given orders to his subordinates to speed up the investigation of postal matter destined for Communist China to eliminate delays, it was learned today.

General Chen's move followed a call by Director Li Chin-ku of the General Post Office, during which he urged all possible despatch in the investigation of mail addressed to Communist areas.—Reuter.

The deficits include: India, £125,000,000 against 1947 £100,000,000; Australia £15,000,000 against £43,000,000, New Zealand £10,000,000 against £19,000,000; Eric £20,000,000 against £35,000,000; Southern Rhodesia £5,000,000 against £6,000,000 but Ceylon a surplus of £5,000,000.

Most of the reduced deficit of £70,000,000 was covered by Eric's ERP £20,000,000, India's £17,000,000 drawings from the International Monetary Fund and gold output of £14,000,000; hence the Commonwealth's net drawings on the London dollar pool-on-trade account were reduced from £130,000,000 in 1947 to about £20,000,000 in 1948, including Australia £8,000,000, New Zealand £9,000,000, and India £7,000,000, but Ceylon's surplus of £5,000,000.—Reuter.

Kuala Lumpur, February 27. At the opening here of the biggest trade union conference ever held in Malaya, the Prime Minister of Johore, Dato Oon Lin Jusman, called on all interested in the democratic trade union movement in Malaya to forget racial, religious and other differences.

He urged the 180 delegates from the majority of Malaya's registered trade unions to work together to build up a more progressive society.

The High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, in a message to the delegates, said the prosperity of Malaya depended not only on increased production but industrial peace.

The conference, lasting two days, was called by labour representatives on the Malayan Legislative Council, headed by Mr. V.M.N. Menon, secretary of the Malayan Estate Staff Association.—Reuter.

Good turnouts were reported in April and May matures.

The Bank of England return was practically featureless. Active note circulation showed modest reflux and the biggest single movement was in discounts and advances, which declined by £4,700,000.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalled £275,160,000, of which £170,000,000 was allotted at an average rate of 10 shillings and 5.54 pence per cent.—Reuter.

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Recognition Of Israel

Athens, February 26. After the agreement reached between Egypt and Israel at Rhodes, Greece is planning to recognize Israel.

It is understood from a diplomatic source that the Greek government, during preliminary negotiations with the Israeli delegate in Athens, will try to safeguard Greek interests in Palestine relating to Greek properties, privileges of the Greek patriarchate in Jerusalem and the right of settlement of Greeks. It is hoped all difficulties arising out of these questions will be straightened out shortly.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, February 26. Another attempt at recovery met some success on Wall Street today but enthusiasm appeared definitely lacking for any material advance.

With activity restricted, the market showed a predominance of mostly fractional gains. Some technicians feel that the market is definitely oversold and may yet experience a fair rally.

Late dealings produced no remarkable changes in the market pattern with industrial and rail averages finishing modestly higher and very steady.—Reuter.

Nationalisation Of Publishing In Bulgaria

Sofia, February 27. The nationalisation of all printing and publishing activities in Bulgaria, including bookbinding and type-casting, was completed yesterday after the passage of a new bill by the National Assembly.

Certain exceptions may be made by the Council of Ministers, it was learned, to permit printing and publishing by public organisations, political parties and co-operatives.

The process of nationalisation in publishing began a year ago when some 85 per cent of publishers and printing enterprises were nationalised.—Reuter.

Several members of the British delegation left London yesterday for Belgrade, it was learned.—Reuter.

New Indian Restrictions

New Delhi, February 23. Greater restrictions on imports from dollar and hard currency countries under the revised import licensing policy for the period of January to June, 1946, was announced tonight.

The announcement said that only minor adjustments, however, have been made in the import licensing policy for soft currency areas which is mainly the same as at present.

Such articles as condensed and powdered milk, camphor, leather, cloth, synthetic resins, electric household appliances, which were previously licensed on a restricted basis, will not be allowed importation from dollar and hard currency countries.

Kerosene, motor-spirit and mineral oils (with certain exceptions) including diesel oils, also will not be licensed.—Reuter.

DIVIDEND

New York, February 26. The Curtis Wright Corporation declared a regular quarterly 25 cents dividend on common and 25 cents on Class "A" stocks, payable in quarterly installments.

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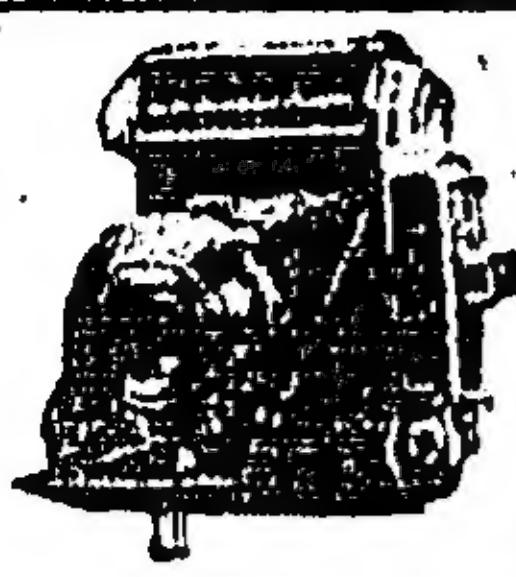
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POMPEY, MANCHESTER U OUT TO WIN CUP, LEAGUE

London, February 26.

Two of the four teams who today reached the FA Cup semi-finals, Portsmouth and Manchester United, have a chance to accomplish the elusive double feat of winning the Cup and the League championship in the same season.

This feat was last performed by Aston Villa in 1897.

Portsmouth, head Division 1 of the League, and Manchester United, the Cup holders, are also favourably placed and are playing with great consistency.

Wolverhampton and Leicester were the other two victors in four sternly contested Cup ties, which drew an aggregate attendance of 200,000 and receipts of £22,739.

Leicester, the last hope of Division 11, have never yet reached the final, but the other three, who have been well fancied right through the competition, are the previous Cup winners.

If Portsmouth and Wolverhampton steer clear of each other in Monday's draw, the final this year may well be a repetition of the 1939 match, when Portsmouth gained an unexpected triumph by four goals to one. In 1929 and 1934 Portsmouth were losing finalists, in 1939 winners and 1949 may again be their year.

A ground record of 51,380 swarmed over the Portsmouth pitch at the end of a tussle which Portsmouth clinched only four minutes from time, their first victory in a Cup tie against Derby.

The hero was Isaac Clarke, the centre forward, who earlier equalised the opening Derby goal. When there appeared to be little danger, he coolly brought a centre down to his feet and cracked home the winning goal.

Better Team

Manchester United were obviously the better team at Hull, but the quick tackling of the Northern Section side cramped the style of the Cup holders' attack. Not until 75 minutes had passed did the vital goal come through Pearson, captain of Manchester, in the absence of the right back Curley through injury. John Ball, the youthful deputy for Curley, played a splendid game, thoroughly subduing Fulch Carter, the main Hull hope in the attack. Bill, the Hull goalkeeper, played throughout the second half with a broken nose.

Like Portsmouth, Wolverhampton gained revenge for past Cup reverses, for the Wanderers had lost to West Bromwich on each of the five previous occasions they were drawn together. A second half goal by the left wing, Mullen, did the trick, but Wolverhampton were indebted to the splendid work of their half backs, particularly M. Wright.

Home League Tables

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	20	16	6	8	52	27	40
Southampton	20	14	9	7	41	36	39
Derby	20	12	7	11	37	40	36
Charlton	20	10	7	9	47	34	34
Manchester U.	20	7	9	12	52	28	33
Hove	20	7	9	11	40	35	33
Manchester C.	20	11	11	8	60	44	34
Wolves	20	9	10	10	55	44	33
Sunderland	20	9	10	10	50	40	30
Bolton	20	12	7	11	43	29	30
Blackpool	20	10	7	13	40	32	29
Liverpool	20	9	10	11	38	29	28
Birmingham	20	9	10	11	26	26	28
Everton	20	10	7	13	26	26	26
Chelsea	20	9	10	12	49	64	25
Aston Villa	20	10	4	16	43	66	23
Sheffield U.	20	8	7	12	27	27	23
Middlesbrough	20	7	7	15	41	21	21
Preston	20	7	7	16	47	21	20
Huddersfield	20	6	14	12	57	50	20

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	20	10	6	14	57	56	36
South. A.	20	10	6	14	45	52	37
Spurs	20	10	6	14	56	59	32
Watford	20	10	6	14	59	56	32
Sheffield	20	10	8	12	40	37	32
Cardiff	20	9	9	10	58	59	31
Sheffield W.	20	11	6	11	60	43	30
West Ham	20	11	6	13	58	59	30
Bury	20	11	7	11	49	49	29
Blackburn	20	11	7	12	47	49	29
Brighton	20	11	7	12	47	49	29
Derby	20	9	9	12	32	32	27
Leeds	20	9	9	12	46	46	27
Coventry	20	11	6	14	41	47	26
Queen's P. H.	20	10	6	14	49	49	26
Leicester	20	7	10	10	44	71	24
Grimsby	20	8	10	12	56	24	24
Forest	20	8	10	12	59	22	24
Lincoln	20	6	14	13	48	21	21

Ahead Of Rovers

The last kick of the match, a penalty taken by Warren, saved Bristol Rovers a point in the League III South promotion battle against Swansea, who thus remain six points ahead of the Rovers.

Rotherham increased their position at the head of League 11, and now have five points more than Tottenham Hotspur and West Bromwich. Fulham suffered an unexpected check when they went down on the ground of their London rivals, Queen's Park Rangers, who thus gained their first victory for two months.

Third Division (Northern)

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	20	21	6	6	70	33	44
Darlington	20	17	6	7	52	37	40
Doncaster	20	19	7	6	57	32	37
Sheffield	20	12	7	11	42	27	32
Stockport	20	12	7	11	47	26	31
Sheffield W.	20	11	6	11	56	43	30
Wrexham	20	11	6	13	48	40	29
Tranmere	20	11	6	13	54	40	29
York	20	11	6	13	51	49	29
Rochedale	20	12	6	11	39	51	29
Crews	20	10	8	12	57	50	28
Carlisle	20	11	10	9	47	40	27
Mansfield	20	11	4	12	43	48	25
Oldham	20	9	10	11	38	35	26
Sidcup	20	9	10	11	35	37	26
Hartlepool	20	10	6	15	57	50	25
Halifax	20	9	6	14	51	53	25
New Brighton	20	9	6	15	27	45	24
Bradford C.	20	9	6	15	29	52	24
Aldershot	20	7	7	15	48	52	21
Worthing	20	8	11	12	52	43	21
Port Vale	20	8	11	12	41	43	21
Torquay	20	10	6	13	59	58	21
Exeter	20	9	8	13	57	57	20
Orient	20	9	7	13	44	55	20
Northampton	20	7	10	13	43	45	20
Udval C.	20	8	12	10	50	48	20
Newport	20	8	12	10	50	42	20
Aldershot	20	7	12	11	48	57	20
Southport	20	11	7	12	55	51	20

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Swansea	20	10	6	14	55	52	36
Wrexham	20	10	6	14	56	57	37
Walsall	20	10	6	14	58	57	37
Portsmouth	20	10	6	14	56	54	36
Bournemouth	20	10	6	14	50	38	35
Swindon	20	10	6	14	48	46	34
East Fife	20	9	8	12	49	33	31
Queen's P. H.	20	10	7	12	42	38	30
Falkirk	20	11	4	13	58	51	29
Hearts	20	10	4	13	47	39	29
Third Lanark	20	6	10	14	45	37	28
Partick	20	6	10	14	47	39	28
Clyde	20	7	4	15	58	54	28</